

ott & Sons, Limited, Bamford Woollen Mills, near Rochdale, Lancashire. The late Mr. Porritt was a man who will be greatly missed. His splendid business qualities and upright character had won respect alike among his customers and his competitors. He was a justice of the peace, and was senior deacon of Bamford Chapel, Rochdale, with which place of worship he had been intimately connected for nearly forty years, and he had several times filled the office of Sunday school superintendent.—PAPER MAKER.

The Toronto Evening News is publishing the portraits of Mayors of leading Ontario towns. Wm. Thoburn, of the Thoburn Woollen Mills, Almonte, is one of the series, and the following sketch appears with his picture; Mayor Thoburn was born in Portsmouth, Eng., and attended the Public Schools of Woolwich, Eng., and came with his parents to Canada in 1857. In 1869 he opened a store in Almonte, which he conducted for some years, and which he disposed of to go into woollen manufacturing. He has been engaged in manufacturing since 1880, having enlarged his plant on several occasions. He has served both on the Board of Education and the Town Council.

Fabric Items

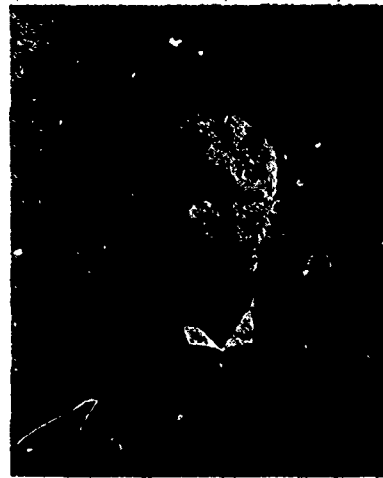
Villeray, Que., have granted exemption from taxes for twenty years, and \$3,000 bonus to the St. Lawrence Clothing Co., who will establish a factory for waterproof clothing, etc.

The customs officers at Brockville, Ont., on March 6th seized 1,100 pounds of upholsterers' silk. This is one of the biggest seizures in fifteen years at Brockville, and was due to the information of a man connected with the smuggling. The name of the owner is unknown, and unless he turns up and makes a settlement, the silk will be sold by auction.

—Graphite is stated to be an excellent preservative for manila rope. One rope manufacturer treats the inner yarns of each strand as well as the core in a bath of lubricant, the ingredients of which are graphite and oil. This lubricant thoroughly permeates all the fibre, thus overcoming internal wear, while sufficient comes to the surface, and the lubricant does not injure the rope.—Engineer, London, Eng.

The Winnipeg Board of Trade have a communication from a man in New England, who proposes establishing a factory for the manufacture of ladies' blouses, skirts, etc. He will furnish half the capital, if the remainder is secured locally; the Winnipeg directorate to control the company.

A rival to India rubber has just entered the field in a cloth known as "Shower-proof," which repels water and yet remains porous, appearing exactly like ordinary wettable cloth. Petroleum is one of the most successful shower-proof preparations. The only reliable shower-proof is obtained by impregnating the cloth outside and in with a fine film of wax. Paraffin wax is the staple, but owing to its low melting point it is not fit for use alone. The composition used is so alloyed with other waxes and chemicals that at the boiling point of water the wax stands firm. A rather elaborate preparatory form must be gone through, and after the wax has been applied a finishing process is required. The interesting fact remains that it is petroleum that keeps out the wet. In tailors' windows many aquatic displays have been arranged to show that cloths can mysteriously be made to exhibit the power of the duck's back. Wool, cotton, silk, linen, awnings and tent cloths are thus wrapped in an invisible film of rock oil.—Oliver J. D. Hughes, Consul-General, Cobourg, Germany.



E. T. CARTER.

The news of the death of E. T. Carter, wool merchant, of Toronto, will have been received with sincere sorrow by the woollen manufacturers of Canada, among whom he has been so long known and so much esteemed. Mr. Carter, who was born in Waterloo, Ont., in 1847, and afterwards moved with his parents to Beamsville, came to Toronto when 17 years old and entered the employ, as bookkeeper, of the late John Hallam, wool and hide dealer. By force of his ability and industry, he gradually rose in the estimation of his employer, till he became manager of the extensive business, the ownership of which he succeeded to on the death of Mr. Hallam, four or five years ago. Since Mr. Hallam's death the business was further extended, till it became the largest in this line in Toronto. Mr. Carter was a member of the Toronto Board of Trade since 1889, and a member of its council during the past year. He belonged to the National Club, having been elected first vice-president for 1904. Mr. Carter married Miss Hall, a sister of Dr. J. B. Hall, and she survives him, with three sons and two daughters. The sons are: W. E. H. Carter, secretary of the Bureau of Mines of the Department of Crown Lands, and Inspector of Mines for Ontario, and H. J. and E. W. Carter, who have been associated with their father. The business now passes into the hands of his three sons, and will be conducted by them. The daughters are Mrs. Wellington and Miss Madeline Carter. When deceased left Toronto for Nassau early in February he was suffering from the grippe. But later, while on the journey, cerebral meningitis developed and finally caused his death. The body was brought to Toronto for burial.

Mayor Cane, of Newmarket, Ont., and Andrew Yule interviewed the Premier of Ontario recently, regarding a bonus for the Lake Superior and Long Lake Railway Co., which proposes building a line from Peninsula Harbor, Lake Superior, to Albany River and thence to Hudson Bay.

—The exports of raw cotton to Canada from the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1903, were valued at \$5,932,429; in 1893 for the same period they were worth \$2,803,326. The ten-year period showed an increase of over 100 per centum in cotton consumption and the figures form an interesting commentary on the growth of the textile industry in Canada. The exports of cotton goods from the United States to Canada for the same period in 1903 were valued at \$2,907,906, as against \$1,922,680 in 1893, an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 in ten years.—Textile Excelsior.